CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Zach Knew Better
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400769.002
Medium:	Computer Text File Printout
Author:	Not stated
Country of origin:	New Zealand
Language:	English
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	27 August 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	27 August 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer text file promotes and supports the sexual exploitation of children and the use of violence and coercion to compel children to participate in, and submit to sexual conduct.

The publication is a graphic, detailed and sustained rape fantasy. It contains crude explicit sexual descriptions of a young boy being sexually abused by men. The descriptions are clearly meant to titillate and arouse people with a sexual interest in children and minimise the significant effect of rape and sexual abuse. It encourages readers to pursue these interests and gives credence to the idea that children are potential sexual partners for adults, whether through force or grooming.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that endanger vulnerable children.